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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley  
Formation, Reservoir A; BETHANY-LONGSTREET  
FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU51 and for CV RA SUEE at the location shown on the attached plats, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-3, effective October 7, 1977 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A).
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To permit the operator of the units on which this alternate unit well is proposed to be drilled to produce the allowables assigned to such units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J-1, effective April 14, 1977.

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Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

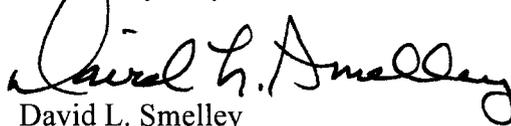
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the two (2) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bethany-Longstreet Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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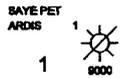
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Mason Lemmond (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

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HOSS RA SU 55



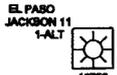
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HOSS RA SU DD



HOSS RA SU 33



HOSS RA SU 15



HOSS RA SU 51



HOSS RA SU LL



HOSS RA SU 35  
(HOLLY FIELD)



HOSS RA SU 9



HOSS RA SU 12



HOSS RA SU 14



HOSS RA SU 18



HOSS RA SU 23



HOSS RA SU 10



HOSS RA SU 43



LEGEND

HOSSTON RA UNITS  
AS PER 289-A-g SERIES



UNIT WELL



ALTERNATE UNIT WELL



PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER  
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 06-

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BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD

DESOIT PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS RA SU 51



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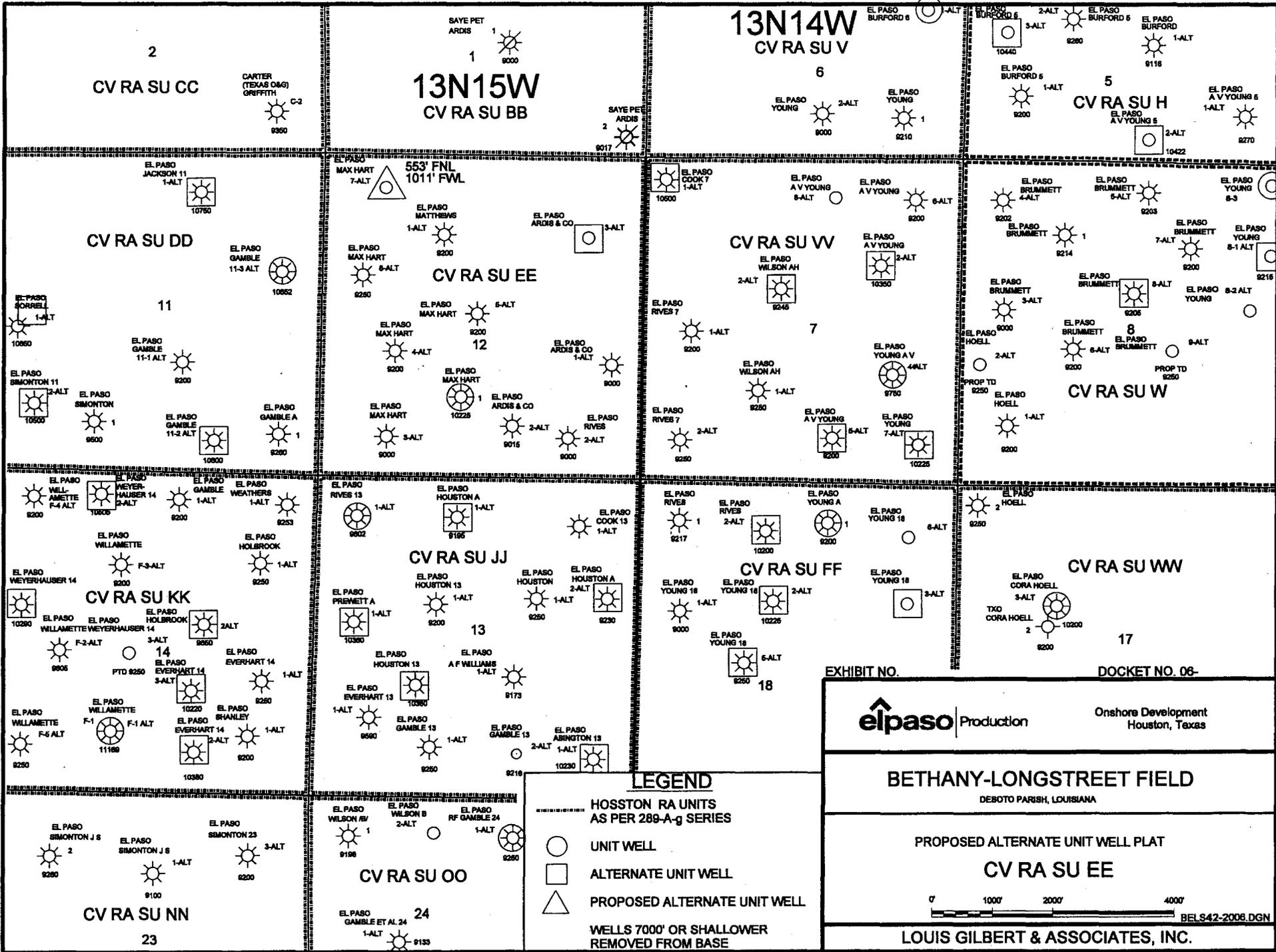


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**BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD**  
DEBOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT  
**CV RA SU EE**

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